

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-37 (canceled):

Claim 38 (withdrawn): A method of providing a pet with a benefit relating to an effective assimilation of a lipid or lipid fraction comprising the steps of administering to the pet an edible composition comprising an intestinal mucosa function-promoter in an amount effective to effect the capacity of the pet to digest lipid.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): A method according to claim 38 wherein the composition comprises

a promoter selected from the group consisting of a pancreatic function-promoter; and
a liver function promoter.

Claim 40 (withdrawn): A method according to claim 39 wherein the pancreatic function-promoter comprises a component selected from the group consisting of a lipase and a gut pH modifier.

Claim 41 (withdrawn): A method according to claim 39 wherein the liver function-promoter is selected from the group consisting of taurine, emulsifiers, vitamins, minerals, glutathione and glutathione promoters, and combinations thereof.

Claim 42 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 38 wherein the intestinal mucosa function promoter comprises a component selected from the group consisting of a fat transportation aid, agent and carrier.

Claim 43 (withdrawn): A method according to claim 38 wherein the benefit to the pet is related to at least one benefit selected from the group consisting of gut function, outward appearance, pet-to-owner relationship, aging and general health aspects.